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SUBJECT: ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS

REF: EC BRUSSELS 5349

1. FRG SOURCES INTERPRET THE CURRENT STATE OF EC
CONSIDERATION OF XXIV:6 MUCH THE SAME AS THE ACCOUNT
IN REFTEL. THEY EXPECT THE COUNCIL TODAY MERELY (1)
TO RECEIVE THE COMMISSION'S PROGRESS REPORT (2) TO
APPROVE THE COMPROMISE LANGUAGE ON THE EC'S OBJECTIVE OF
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CONCLUDING NEGOTIATIONS WITH ITS NEXT OFFER AND (3)

TO SEND THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES AND THE WORKING GROUP BACK TO WORK.

2. RE POINT 2, THE COMPROMISE LANGUAGE, THE GERMAN VERSION OF WHICH WE HAVE SEEN, READS AS REPORTED REFTEL: "THE OBJECTIVE WHICH THE COMMUNITY SETS FOR ITSELF IN PRESENTING A LIST OF ADDITIONAL CONCESSIONS IS TO CONCLUDE THE NEGOTIATIONS ON A GLOBAL BASIS BY OFFERING THE COMPENSATION WHICH THE EC CONSIDERS NECESSARY." WHILE THIS CREATES AT LEAST A PRESUMPTION THAT THE IMPROVED EC OFFER WILL BE THE FINAL ONE, OUR FRG SOURCES CONSIDER THAT ADOPTION OF THIS PRESUMPTION IS NECESSARY TO SMOKE OUT HOW MUCH PARIS IS WILLING TO ACCEPT. THEY POINT OUT THAT RECENT WORKING GROUP AND PERMREP SESSIONS HAVE MADE EXTREMELY LIMITED PROGRESS AND THAT AT LEAST TWO KEY ITEMS FOR THE U.S. (KRAFT LINER AND TOBACCO) ARE IN REAL TROUBLE UNLESS THE FRENCH, AND ITALIANS, CHANGE THEIR POSITION.

3. FINALLY, OUR SOURCES CLAIM THAT SOAMES HAS NOW TURNED OVER ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS TO GRUNDELACH -- A DEVELOPMENT THEY BELIEVE SHOULD BE HELPFUL.
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